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To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 6 and 9, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2668 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to long-term care."

This bill includes the policy recommendations from the Governor's Long-Term Care Task Force designed to meet increased demands for long-term care that supports autonomy and self-determination in people's homes and in community settings rather than institutions.

Sections 6 and 9 were not funded by the legislature in the budget, and are therefore null and void pursuant to Section 15 of this bill. For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 6 and 9 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2668.

With the exception of Sections 6 and 9, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2668 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor